

# This Way

Wisdom from Proverbs

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## THE DEBT TRAP WISDOM FOR OUR LIFE TODAY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*KEY SCRIPTURES.* Choose a person to read the following scriptures.

Read **Philippians 4:11-13**, **1 Timothy 6:6**, **Hebrews 13:5**, **Luke 12:13-21**

*START THINKING.* Ask this question to get your LifeGroup thinking.

- How much do you think about finances? Why do you spend the time you do thinking about money? (e.g., "I'm in debt or I have so much money I'm trying to figure out how to use it all")

*START TALKING.* Ask these questions to get your LifeGroup talking.

- This week we heard there are six warning signs indicating someone is heading towards the "Debt Trap." As you read through the following warning signs, rate how you are doing in each trap from 1-5, with 1 being "I'm in danger" to 5 being "I'm doing great in this area." (Everyone may not feel comfortable sharing this.)



## Warning Signs:

- 1) I don't know how much I owe.
  - 2) I pay the minimum due on my credit cards.
  - 3) I miss payments or bounce checks.
  - 4) I use credit card debt to pay for my basic "needs".
  - 5) I have steadily increasing debt.
  - 6) I'm robbing God.
- Biblical contentment means that through Christ Jesus, I have the strength to cope with whatever situation I find myself in. What does this really mean?

## Read Philippians 4:11-13

- Pastor Matt mentioned contentment is something we learn not something we can buy.
- What challenges your contentment the most (e.g., house, job, relationship, savings, etc.)? How have you seen your contentment change when "living in plenty" and "living in want"?

***START SHARING.*** Ask these questions to get your LifeGroup sharing.

- For most of us, money or the lack of it touches on some of our biggest fears. This can lead to anxiety, holding on to money, and decreased generosity. How could the following verses help someone who is struggling with contentment over their financial situation?

**Read 1 Timothy 6:6, Hebrews 13:5, Luke 12:13-21**

***START PRAYING.*** Pray together as a group.

